

# Best Practices Advisory Committee

Minutes from April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007

**Voting members present:** Carlos Andarsio, Christy Dye, Aimee Schwartz, Bob Bohanske, Teresa Bertsch, Judy Russell, Jill Fabian, Sue Davis, Joan Grey, Alexandra O'Hannon, Valley Owen, Tim Dunst

**Non-Voting members present:** Stacia Ortega, Kim Skrentny, Meena Shahi, Bob Crouse, Dan Wynkoop, Jytte Methmann, Ali De la Trinidad, Judith Pickens, Mike Shafer, Marie Hawkins, Vicki Staples

**Absent:** Tom Kelly, Tim Davis  
Laura Nelson, Leticia D'Amore

**Welcome and Introductions:** Carlos Andarsio

## **Review of Minutes:**

- ❖ Review of meeting minutes from the February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 meeting. The minutes were approved with amendments.

## **Update on Innovation Zone/Demonstration Sites:**

- ❖ Marie informed the committee that ADHS has sent a solicitation letter to the RBHAs seeking responses. Three proposals met the selection committee criteria. These came from JFCS, Pasqua Yaqui, and Arizona Counseling and Treatment Services (Yuma). The selection committee is meeting on April 13<sup>th</sup> and will choose two of the proposals, one from a rural area and one from an urban area.

## **Subcommittee Updates:**

- ❖ Client Directed, Outcome Informed—Marie announced that she will be the co-chairperson for this subcommittee, along with Bob Bohanske. There have been no formal meetings of the group, but Marie will send out notices to the individuals who are interested in participation. Judy Russell, Jill Fabian, Aimee Schwartz and Judy Pickens all volunteered.
- ❖ Assessment—Carlos provided an overview of a work plan the group has developed and reported that the subcommittee discussion around the assessment process has been very dynamic. Due to the complexity of the tasks and the desire to “do it right”, the group is taking longer than expected. Highlights from the discussion included;
  - The group has started looking at the possible benefits of separating out what they view as the major parts of the process. It was suggested that the initial administrative data gathering of the demographic information be done in a first, brief meeting.

- The first meeting would not be with a clinician, but with a “contact person” who would collect enough information to satisfy any audit requirements. The second meeting would be the start of the clinical assessment process where input would be gathered from family, friends, etc.
- Questions were raised about the likelihood of no-shows for the second appointment, if the consumer was not sufficiently engaged during the first meeting. It was also noted that sometimes a persons needs are met during a first meeting if he/she feels that they have been listened to and given an opportunity to discuss their issues. This would eliminate the need for any follow-up meetings while still satisfying the individual’s immediate needs.
- The subcommittee will take all feedback into account as they are considering their recommendations and will keep the BPAC regularly updated.

❖ Peer Support

- Meena Shahi and Vicki Staples presented data currently available from our CIS system on the use of Peer Support with substance using 18-24 population. The subcommittee would welcome feedback on the data. Next steps include developing guidance around how to efficiently and effectively provide this service and putting this data on the DBHS web site.

**Master Clinician:**

- ❖ Christy Dye will be eventually be putting together a workgroup to look at various options in this area and will bring the topic back to the BPAC for decision making. Mike Shafer and Tom Kelly will assist Christy.

**Committee Membership:**

- ❖ Trish Bleth has resigned from the BPAC and the committee discussed what process should be followed in order to identify a replacement. It was decided to look at the initial applicant pool and see if a potential candidate can be found. If so, the BPAC will review the candidates and, if possible, select a replacement from that group. If not, a new group of potential members will be recruited.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 from 1:00-3:00PM in room 215B**